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TO THE DELEGATES OF THE NORTHERN UNION CON- FERENCE

It is a privilege, as well as a pleasure, for me to render a report of the progress of our work in the Northern Union Conference during the last quadrennial period. As we review the work of the past four years, we can only exclaim "what hath God wrought!" In fact our work has made such tremendous forward strides within the four conferences represented here, that it seemed necessary to establish a central depository within this Union Conference. Accordingly the Pacific Press Publishing Association established the St. Paul Branch in the early part of this year. By thus having a depository located at a central shipping point, the field is more quickly and satisfactorily served, and we believe this will be the means of still further strengthening the book work in this great field.

The Lord has blessed our work in a most singular manner as revealed by the sales figures of the past four years. You will notice this report shows the sales for 1916, \$78,399; for 1917, \$103,153; for 1918, \$107,257, and 1919, \$152,160. Total sales for the four year period \$440,971.40. As compared with the sales of the four years from 1912 to 1915, you will note there has been an increase of \$242,192.13. The chart before us will give some idea of how the Lord has blessed the book work during the four years just passed. In 1916 our sales were \$78,399.75, while this year, 1919, we show \$152,160.10.

If these figures could tell in words the wonderful results accomplished through the sale of the precious pages of literature scattered throughout the homes of this Union conference, truly we would rejoice together here this afternoon; suffice it to say, our literature is pioneering the way for the living preacher, and has ever been a tremendous factor in the salvation of mankind. We realize these results are only made possible through the hearty support and co-operation of every official and worker in this Union conference, and we wish to take this opportunity of thanking

you for your support and pledge our every effort to co-operate with you in the great task before us,—in the finishing of the work. Only the records of heaven will reveal the souls who have been brought to the light of this precious truth through the results of the colporteur.

Scholarships

Our student colporteurs have done noble work the past summer. Many would find it impossible to pursue their studies in our schools were it not for the scholarship plan; something like seventy scholarships have been earned by our students. This work not only affords a means for our young men and women to receive a Christian education, but the colporteur work in itself is a school which develops manhood and womanhood of the highest type.

Foreign Work

Our eyes are being turned, as never before, to the great foreign population within our gates. Thousands of foreigners are at our very door, all of whom must have the light of truth brought to them in their own mother tongue. They are fast going into Bolshevism and infidelity, and we must place the right kind of literature in their hands. Through the providence of God, our foreign work is being developed as never before. Our Brookfield Branch is now prepared to give us literature in twenty-five different languages. The responsibility of carrying the Message through the printed page to these strange tongues must largely be left with us, the same as the homeland is the base of supplies for our foreign fields. As churches and individuals, we can search out these nationalities, and supply them with the Living Word, which will quicken their hearts, and will change them from infidels and lawless men into God-fearing, law-abiding citizens. Within the last few days our attention has been called to one church in Iowa who, in a few minutes, created such an interest among the foreigners in their city that our English brethren and sisters promptly made up an order for \$85 worth of literature to be distributed among nine different

tongues among which were: Russian, Hungarian, Greek, Swedish, Yiddish, German, Italian, Arabic, and Danish. Our churches will find this profitable and most interesting work.

New Books

The past four years have been most critical from the standpoint of the manufacture of books. Prices have soared beyond a point where it seemed almost impossible they could climb, and in spite of these high prices, paper and all other material going into the manufacture of books were restricted, and almost impossible to secure. High prices and government restrictions were unable, however, through God, to stop the progress of this Message, and who will doubt but that the hand of an Almighty God has directed in the affairs of our publishing work throughout these trying years of the war.

Timely books have come from the press on important issues, all of which have enjoyed a wide circulation. At the present time we have a book for the hour entitled **Epidemics—How to Meet Them**. Our Home Office is running their presses full speed trying to keep up with the demand. Already something like 15,000 copies have been sold in the Northern Union conference, and we have orders placed with the factory for 25,000 more. We believe this book should be placed in the hands of every family in the states represented by this constituency, and confidently believe our brethren and sisters, will, in behalf of suffering humanity, do their utmost to give this latest book as wide a circulation as its mission deserves. This is a book for the high and low, the educated and the illiterate. The subject matter is written in a plain and simple style so that all can readily understand it, and we bespeak for it your hearty co-operation. **Astronomy and the Bible** is also fresh from the press. Our office has spared no pains to make this intensely interesting subject plain to the average reader, through the use of illustrations, and we believe the Psalmist's words will take on new interest when we see how "The heavens declare the glory of God" as revealed through the great telescope. A beautiful new

gift book from the pen of Elder G. B. Thompson has just been published, entitled **What Think Ye of Christ?** Some beautiful thoughts are brought forth in this sermon. Our workers will find this a very suitable gift book for friends, not of our faith.

A more lively interest is being taken in the Young People's Reading Courses year by year, and we are glad to have contributed **two interesting** volumes to the present Senior course. **On the Trail of Livingstone** and **Fruits From the Jungle**, have come from our press, and are written by our own missionaries. This year we have added a Publishing Department Reading Course. The books we are reading are entitled: "Missions and Leadership," "Soul Winning" by Elder G. B. Thompson, and "Business Efficiency." We not only invite you to join us in this course, but believe it would be a helpful one to our church and missionary leaders.

In Conclusion

The Northern Union has always been one of the foremost leaders in the book work in the Pacific Press territory, and we rejoice in the progress that has been made; still we feel that past blessings will not suffice for the present. We are conscious that the clouds are gathering on the western horizon, and soon the setting sun will announce the harvest ended. "Distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth," are present day issues. Our literature must ever ring with a clear voice in the fog of doubt and infidelity which is sweeping the earth, and bring to the reader a clear vision of the Love of Christ, and a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message. The spirit manifested at the Boulder meeting is the spirit which will finish this message to the world and bring the end. To this, we pledge ourselves, and all that we have and are; that we, with you, may stand on the sea of glass and join with the redeemed of all ages praising God for His great gift to the children of men, bringing our sheaves with us.

S. J. Abegg.

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A LETTER

Peking, China, Dec. 11, 1919.

Dear Reaper Family:

We arrived at Peking on Friday, November 21. We had a very interesting and pleasant trip en route.

Our ship the "China" left San Francisco harbor October 18, and our

first stop was at Honolulu. We arrived here on the Sabbath and had the privilege of attending Sabbath school and services in the new church there. We have a growing work in the city and a church membership of about one hundred and fifty. One interesting feature about the Sabbath school was that there were four different nationalities represented, and they had classes in four languages, viz: Hawaiian, Chinese, Portuguese, and English.

We separated from the rest of our company at Yokohama and had a four day stop in Japan waiting for our boat. We spent the time with our people at the compound near Tokio. This is the headquarters for our work in Japan. We have a printing plant, a school, and a large church at this place.

From Yokohama we went via the inland sea to Tacku, China, and stopped at the following places on the way: Nagoya, Kobe, Mojo, Japan; Jinsu, Korea, and Dairen, Manchuria. From Tacku we went overland to Peking.

We are attending the North Union Language School. We are making our home at our mission; the address is 62 Ta Fang Gia Hutung, Peking.

Asking an interest in your prayers that God will help us in our language study and prepare us for work in his service, we are your brother and sister in Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oss.

CHAMBERLAIN SANITARIUM

No doubt it is time that we, here at Chamberlain, were again giving an account of our stewardship through the columns of the **Reaper**, and I am pleased to submit to you a brief report of the work here.

We have recently taken an inventory of our spiritual affairs and are encouraged as we recognize how abundantly God has blessed us during the past year. We find that our membership has increased about 16 during the year making a total of 70 at the beginning of the present year. While we are glad for this gain, I am sure we all feel that we ought not to be satisfied at this, and at the meeting where the report was rendered, the writer suggested that we make a membership of one hundred our goal for this year. We have our financial goals, and why not have a membership goal and set ourselves as earnestly to winning souls as we do to raising funds.

Our financial report shows that during the past year there has been contributed in tithes and offerings a total of all funds amounting to \$8,185.42, which is a gain of a trifle over \$3,000 over the previous year. Naturally we recognized that even a smaller gain this year will bring our total up to \$10,000. I am sure we all earnestly hope for such a result.

Our aggregate tithe was a little short of \$4,000, while our Harvest Ingathering funds amounted to \$1,-

400. More than \$1,000 of this was gathered by Brother Whitbeck.

Our gain can be less this year than last in our Sabbath school offerings and still reach \$1,000 for 1920. We surely hope to make the gain.

The Week of Prayer marks the beginning of a definite effort in a soul winning campaign.

A Bible Reader's Class has been started and Bible studies are now being conducted in the homes of those not of the faith. A cottage meeting is being conducted in one home and a series of meetings has been begun at Ola, a little inland station twenty miles in the county. Thus far two meetings have been held with a fair attendance and an encouraging interest.

The attendance at the first meeting was thirty-five. The people showed their appreciation by a voluntary contribution of \$6.65. The attendance at the second meeting was forty with a contribution of \$8.12. The offerings will be used to defray necessary expenses and for the purchase of literature for the effort. Several are giving their time and effort to assist in this effort, and we hope to be able to give the people of Ola the message.

We desire for you, our brethren, the choicest of God's blessings, and shall hope for a place in your prayers that God may continue to be gracious to us.

C. M. Babcock.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder W. F. Hills is conducting a series of meetings at Huron.

Elder E. E. Dunham visited with his family at Madison over last Sabbath and Sunday.

Word has come to the office that Brother C. A. Scriven reports a good interest at Kimball, where he is holding meetings.

Elder T. L. Oswald reports a splendid interest at New Effington, where he in company with Brother Wennerberg is holding a series of meetings.

Brethren McCumber and Youngberg left for Sioux Falls Friday morning in the interest of the work that pertains to their respective departments.

Sister Harden of Parker was a caller at the office Thursday. She is an enthusiastic home missionary. We are always glad to have the brethren call at the office when they are in Watertown.

A very interesting and profitable Missionary Volunteer Convention was held at Madison January 16-19 by Elders Schmidt and Youngberg. While eternity alone can measure the results of such a meeting, we can at this time report that sixteen enrolled for the Standard of Attainment studies, and fourteen for the Bible Year.

Miss Beulah Payne has been holding health conventions at Glenham and Mobridge. She has recently been called from Mobridge to nurse four students at Plainview Academy who are down with scarlet fever.

Elder E. T. Russell spoke at the following places: Lemmon, Tuesday, January 16, on the subject "The Meaning of World Conditions;" at Mobridge, January 7, on "The Return of Jesus;" Glenham, January 8, "The Causes of the World War and its Results." Sabbath he spoke to the company at Aberdeen, and on Sunday stopped at the home of Brother and Sister Jackman at Bristol. Monday he attended the committee meeting of the Union Conference held at Minneapolis, returning to the South Dakota conference office Tuesday where he spent the day, leaving the following morning for Redfield. Conference Office.

"The minds of all should be stored with a knowledge of the truths of God's word that they may be prepared, at any moment, when required, to present from the storehouse things new and old."

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THE STRANGERS

We are surely all glad to know that God has moved some people's hearts to work for the strangers within our gates, and we rejoice when we see the result of this good undertaking, but I hope that none of our friends are satisfied with the work we have accomplished.

There is a greater work ahead of us and somebody will do it, but none of us will be excused from it. Some of the foreigners like the Germans and others are much neglected. We read in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, pp 35-37: "Unless more is done than has been done for the cities of America, ministers and people will have a heavy account to settle with the One who has appointed to every man his work. . . . May God forgive our terrible neglect in not doing the work that as yet we have scarcely touched with the tips of our fingers. . . . In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to his church."

"Great benefits would come to the

regions beyond, if faithful efforts were put forth in behalf of the cities in America. Many would return to the places from which they came that they might win their friends to the truth. They would search out their kinsfolk and neighbors and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel's message."—Address given at Pacific Union Conference January 28, 1910.

If all our English workers would do for the foreigners what some of the workers for the foreigners do for English speaking people, more would be accomplished in a very short time.

One thing we should not neglect when we have a meeting for home missionary work, and that is to emphasize not to neglect the foreigner in our neighborhood.

The present foreign Signs of the Times quarterly will be a great blessing to the foreigners in your neighborhood.

Send your order through your tract society. Geo. Mayer.
Worker for the Germans in Minnesota.

TOBIQUE

On January 16 we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Budd, who stayed over Sabbath and Sunday with us. We had three evening meetings, the usual Sabbath meeting, and Sunday we were organized into a church with thirteen members, after which the election of officers took place and the ordinances were observed. The spirit of the Lord was present at our meetings and we were all cheered and blessed greatly. The officers are as follows: Albert Tweedy, elder; Paul Daniels, deacon; Sister Paul Daniels, deaconess; Sister F. V. Post, treasurer; W. A. Griffith, missionary secretary; Sister W. A. Griffith, clerk; Sabbath school superintendent, Sister Post; secretary, Sister Williams.

Our church school is again open with Miss Susie Joy of Brainerd as teacher and eleven pupils enrolled.

We hope to do a great work in this community and consider our school of great importance.

Your brother in Christ,
J. V. Post.

WHY I CAME TO MAPLEWOOD

Testimonies of Students

"I came to Maplewood because I longed for an education; that is, a Christian education. Inquiring I found out that this was the best place for a Christian, that wanted to be taught, to come to. A better place could hardly be found, where a better or cheaper education could be gotten."

"My aim in life was to prepare myself for the service that was the most needy and profitable to me. So as soon as I left home, I saved all the money I could to go to some school the next term. During the time I was getting my money I had the opportunity to hear some of the Adventist public meetings at Hibbing. I con-

sulted with them after meetings nearly every night. I asked about different things in Christian life and about what the Bible requires. It was all made distinct before me and my first decision was that Maplewood is my educational point hereafter. Indeed after staying here some time I thank the Lord that He has opened the way to prepare for the work where laborers are so much needed."

"I came to Maplewood Academy because I wanted a Christian education and I wanted to learn how to behave myself and not play all the time I am here. Another reason I came to school was that I thought it was a good place for young people like me. I like the school well, although I have to work until I get caught up."

"My friends at home are not those with whom I care to associate very much. Being at the very age to learn evil things I decided upon going to school, a Christian school where the influences would be better. Maplewood was my choice. I believe that by doing my part well, I shall be gradually molded after the pattern my Savior has for me; and after I have completed my course here, I hope then to be ready to work in the Lord's vineyard, wherever He sends me."

"The reason I came to Maplewood, instead of going to some high school, was that I wish to get an education in a Christian school so that I may be able to help in the Lord's work. I was able to return to Maplewood by canvassing for nine weeks last summer. Maplewood has always seemed like home to me, and that is the reason I love dear old Maplewood and always will."

"The reason my parents sent me to this school, was that I might be at a place where I could be looked after; because if I had gone to a high school I would have had to go away from home, and I would not have been looked after. And then it is more like home here, and a person gets a chance to learn more, and lastly there are not so many temptations here as in public high school."

"I have been looking for a long time for a place where I could have Christian teachers. This is the first place I found, and I took the chance very quickly. I came here with the intentions of learning how to be a Christian and to prepare myself for the place I am to fill. I have gone to public schools so long that the wrong things they do I have myself taken up. They are so common in those schools that no one thinks anything of them. My mother's intention in sending me here was to get me away from all this. I hope she will not be disappointed in me."

"The reason why I came to this school was because I wanted to get a better religious experience and get a better chance to study the Bible; and with the study of the Bible to get a practical education,—one that would do me some good in later years."

"I have many reasons for attending Maplewood academy. The greatest of course is to gain an education so that I may some day be able to teach others. Another reason is that I may be able to earn a living for myself and not be dependent upon my parents all my life, and I would like to be able some day to repay them for sending me to school. I could gain an education in any public school that would perhaps give me a position when I grow up, but the reasons why I attend this particular school is to have Christian associates and to learn more of our faith."

"I came to this school to get a Christian education, and to have Christian teachers as well as school-mates. I like to go to a Christian school because all believe alike and love the same Savior, and all live for each other and not for self. At some schools the Holy Bible is not taught, but at this I can take Bible in the form of lessons. I hope some day to be a missionary or some helper to God as He sees fit. I like to teach Bible,—that is, what I know. When I am at home I always teach my little nephew his Sabbath school lessons and he enjoys it and seems to understand, too, even if he is only four years old. I want a closer walk with my Lord, so I can go home with Him when He comes to gather His faithful servants."

"I came to this school to make myself fit for the trials of life and to gain an education, and to learn more about the Bible. This school also teaches me to form a character that will be useful to me. I learn to be responsible for myself and not to depend on others. My friends and associates are only the best here, while elsewhere I would fall into bad company. This school is the only one which will fit me for the kind of life I wish to live."

Ninth Grade English Class.

MAPLEWOOD NOTES

About fifty new books have been purchased for the Maplewood library. The book worms will have something new to feed on.

Miss Ruth Johnson, a Maplewood graduate of last year, who is teaching the church school at Anoka, visited here Sabbath and Sunday, January 17 and 18.

In the quiet hours of a recent morning, at three a. m., two students were suddenly awakened by a portion of the ceiling falling on their heads. Although badly frightened and slightly scarred they survived the terrible shock.

The Canvassers' Band was organized by Brother Rentfro on a recent visit. Wesley Amundsen and Gilbert Roberts are leaders and secretary. It is expected that canvassers will occupy each Monday chapel hour.

Tuesday, January 20, was the last day of the first semester, and everyone has been busy preparing for, and writing examinations. The days of intense worry are about over, until the closing days of the second semester, which began Wednesday, January 21, arrive.

Maplewood students and faculty enjoyed a feast, Sabbath, January 17, when Elder Hiatt occupied the pulpit, giving a very stirring discourse on "Hope." He brought to our minds forcibly the interesting events that are fulfilling prophecy today. We invite Elder Hiatt to visit us again.

On the sidewalks, as well as on the roofs of every building on the campus it is scrape, shovel, sweep snow these days. Some of the boys are having tastes of mountain climbing as they hang by ropes from the ridge poles in order to clear the eaves of the building.

Because of the shortage of sugar Maplewood tables are now devoid of the amiable ingredient. We wonder how some of our gastronomy students thrive without "Maplewood pie." But "every cloud has a silver lining," butter is now served thrice a day.

Maplewood students are enjoying the comforts of our new chapel seats. The seats were to have arrived in September, but a series of delays prevented. However, many exclamations of joy were heard when the students returned after Christmas and saw the new seats in place.

A new plan has been devised for the girls' dormitory in which each girl is placed upon her own honor. Every week deportment is posted in the parlor. As a result the dormitory is much quieter and very few G's have been placed upon the Honor Roll.

Now that skating season is over you might think Maplewood girls are deprived of outdoor exercise. You will change your mind if you watch West Hall between seven-fifteen and seven-thirty in the morning. You will see girls plowing their way in every direction through the snow. Walking is not all they do, they wield shovels, and the sidewalks are soon cleared of snow.

At the election of officers for the Missionary Volunteer Society for the second semester the following were chosen: Associate leaders, Miss Della Thompson, Gilbert Roberts; secretaries, Vera Stewart, Marshal Hagen; chorister, Mr. Roderick. Mr. Palmer and the other retiring officers deserve to be complimented for the efficient work which they have performed, and we feel that with the same backing by loyal students, the new officers will prove a success.

Every Saturday night the Maplewood girls meet in their new parlor for the purpose of instruction in matters of good form. A question box is opened and the questions are discussed and answered by the Preceptress. The boys last Saturday night invited (?) the girls (which is their custom) and also had a question box. If we can believe reports, there were many curious questions asked, which we infer were of great interest, for the meeting lasted two hours.

English Two Class.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Elder S. D. Hartwell spent last Sabbath with the St. Cloud church.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Gunderson, of Good Thunder, are the proud parents of a little girl, born January 12.

Elder Hiatt conducted services in the Minneapolis English church last Sabbath.

The pupils of the St. Paul church school are having a week's vacation on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Clara Anderson.

E. P. Gage of Hinckley, called at the Conference office last week. While here, he invested in Building Bonds for himself and daughter.

Miss Sena Nelson, who has been at Montrose for the past two weeks, stopped in St. Paul on her way home to Hutchinson, Friday of last week.

The church at Duluth was favored by a visit from Elder Clark on Sabbath, the 24th. From there he went to Grandy, and conducted Sunday night service in the church at that place.

Many of our *Reaper* readers will be interested in the announcement which has been received of the arrival of a little daughter, January 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson of College View, Nebraska.

Elder B. F. Weatherly, formerly of Marshalltown, Iowa, has taken up work with the Minnesota conference, and has located his family at Champlin. He will hold a series of meetings in the Moose Lake church in the near future.

Miss Vesta Jensen, former Bible worker in St. Paul, has been visiting friends in the Twin Cities recently. Upon her return home, she was accompanied by Miss May Jensen, who will assist in making final arrangements for their removal to a new home.

Some of us believe we hear the faint ringing of wedding bells in the distance, and are asking you to have your congratulations and best wishes in readiness. For further information, we will, of necessity refer you to the next issue of the *Reaper*.

The reports received thus far from the Bond Day program are very gratifying. However, there are many of our members whom we have not heard from. Reader, if you are not the possessor of a Building Bond, write to the Conference treasurer, sending in first payment, and a calendar will be furnished.

We are sorry to report the illness and death of Sister Helen Erickson, for several years a member of the Minneapolis English church, and teacher in the Sabbath school. Her death came Sunday, the 18th, as a sad surprise to friends and relatives. Sister Erickson was a woman much loved by everyone who knew her, and her presence in the home as well as in the church and Sabbath school will be missed. Her son Ralph spent some time in the canvassing field last summer. The funeral was conducted from the Minneapolis church Wednesday by Elder Clark.

Sabbath, January 19, a class of five were baptized by Elder Stemple White in the St. Paul church baptistry. The building was packed with many outside friends, many of whom also attended the Sabbath school. At the close of a touching sermon on the precious promises of God to His baptized children, six more outside young people arose to the definite call of full surrender. On the following Sabbath the baptized candidates were received into church fellowship. Another service will follow in a few weeks.

In spite of the snow storm of Sunday evening, January 18, the St. Paul church was filled with deeply interested inquirers who heard Elder Stemple White in the illustrated subject, "Was the Kaiser 666?" A number of local business men, and inquirers from various parts of the state who read the announcements in the St. Paul dailies, sent in hastily for literature on the subject. Elder White followed that subject with the one, "Bolshevism, — what is it? What's the remedy?" At every Sunday evening service, special literature on the subject is usually given out in the form of Present Truth, tracts, or Signs weekly, and small books are sold nearly every Sunday night.

On Sabbath, January 24, Elder White put on a special Home Missionary program in the St. Paul church. In the front of the church is a nicely printed large motto, "The Whole Bible to the Whole World by the Whole Church is our Whole Duty." Among those on the program were Sister V. B. Cummings, of Minneapolis, whose talk from real experience on "What the lay sisters can do with small books" struck fire, and provoked others to "good works" to "go thou and do likewise." The selling of periodicals, systematic placing of tracts and Present Truth and Signs weekly were discussed, and leaders

of Missionary Bands were appointed with the expectation that every member of the church regularly have part in the good work.

BUILDING BOND DAY IN ST. PAUL

On Sabbath, January 17, we took up the Building Bond proposition the purpose of which is to create a fund to assist struggling churches in the erection of church buildings and school buildings. After a brief Bible study on the rise and enlargement of the Gospel ultimatum movement, a few moments were profitably devoted to the origin, and development of our educational work. Our colleges and seminaries were located on the world map by means of colored dots, while our many academies throughout the world field were shown forth on the map by other squares of another color. The work and support of the church schools was especially emphasized, and attention called to the fact that these schools were the feeders of our academies and colleges.

Elder Clark's letter was read, and after explaining the purpose of the Building Bond proposition, the members were given the privilege of subscribing. The immediate response was most gratifying. Thirty-two of the children's bonds were also taken, and it was inspiring to see the children from the primary classes, and the "wee tots" from the kindergarten hold up their hands that they might do "their bit." In all, \$648 was subscribed. St. Paul is glad to do her part in every phase of the work.

Stemple White.

AT SEVERAL PLACES

Since returning from the Northern Union meeting at Minneapolis, I have visited the following churches: Battle Lake, Henning, Basswood, Frazee, New York Mills, Dopelius, and I'equot. We held quarterly meetings and elected officers at three of the above named places. An elder and a deacon were ordained at New York Mills. A business meeting was held and things in general were set in order. An elder was ordained at Frazee and other officers were elected. At each of these places a good spirit was manifested, and all seemed to be of good courage. Three new ones have accepted the truth at Frazee and are awaiting baptism, others there are in the valley of decision and with a little more work I think they will take hold. I held several meetings with the little company near Dopelius in a Finnish district and found several interested people. I expect to continue the work there in the near future. From here I expect to visit Boy River, and more fully organize the company there and hold quarterly meetings with them.

Then I will return by way of Akeley and spend a few days there. My courage is good in the work, and I still desire the prayers of God's people.

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THE DEITY OF CHRIST

After listening to the series of very profitable studies given by Professor Prescott at the recent Union Conference I have been more deeply impressed than ever before with the necessity of giving very serious study to the religious issues confronting the world at the present time.

These studies placed supreme emphasis upon the deity of Christ, declaring his deified personality to be the source of all gospel blessing and power and tracing that living active presence in every epoch of Christian history to the final restoration of all things to perfect unity in Christ. Eph. 1:10.

In this view the deity of Christ is the all and in all of every law, doctrine, and institution connected with the life and practices of the church.

This is especially clear when applied to the institution of the Sabbath. The great objective of the Sabbath was not to exalt man, but Christ. It does not memorize Man's wonderful works, but God's. Psa. 111:4.

It was established as an ever recurring witness to the deity of Christ. He who intelligently observes the Sabbath does by that very act acknowledge an infinite difference between himself as a product of creation and Christ as the Creator. Mark. 2:28; John 1:1-3.

The recognition, therefore, of the Sabbath projects an impassable barrier to the deification of man, or any other object of creation. Since the Sabbath is the visible witness and emblem of the deity and consequent preeminence of Christ, it is very clear that the deity of Christ could not be attacked without involving the Sabbath any more than the nation could be invaded without involving the flag. We know that throughout all Christendom Christ's deity, his pre-existence, vicarious sacrifice, his substitute righteousness, and his literal return to earth are all being repudiated by the professed leaders of the church and in his place they have adopted a special moral philosophy based upon the inherent powers of man and the natural righteousness of the human heart. The preaching of the cross is stigmatized as "butcher shop theology." There is a definite line being drawn through all the

evangelical churches and a very conscientious minority are placing themselves without compromise against this God-defying and man-defying gospel of modern Babylon, and it seems to me that as representatives of this message we should be the one world-wide organization at least upon which Christ can depend to hold up his deity in this last struggle.

W. A. Alway.

HE GIVETH SLEEP

Lines tenderly dedicated to the life and memory of Brother and Sister David Alway pioneers of the cause of Truth in Minnesota.

"He Giveth his beloved sleep;"

Why should we weep

When hearts so gentle, kind, and true
Are taken from our earthly view
To rest a moment till they hear
Their Saviour's voice of love and cheer,

And then come forth to youthful bloom,
Victors forever o'er the tomb.

Earth never could appreciate
Lives so unselfish, so unseen
T'were well the Lord in Books so fair
Holds faithful there their deeds, I mean

He doeth all things well; we know
Our precious treasures safe he'll keep
And in his tender mercy now
"He giveth his Beloved sleep."

They've fought the fights of faith and love;

A crown of Righteousness so bright
Is laid up there in heaven above
With Harp and Robe and glorious light.

We love thy blest appearing Lord
For it our hearts with joy doth leap,
And now we say, thy will be done,
"He giveth his beloved sleep."

Pauline Alway-Anderson.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Our new treasurer, C. G. Ortnier, is now installed in his office and is taking nicely to his work.

We are glad to know that Sister E. L. Stewart has been invited to take charge of our Cafeteria during the coming campmeeting.

We have the sad news to relate that Elder W. A. Alway's father passed away last week at his home in Minot.

Brother C. S. Campbell has aroused a live interest among outsiders at Wildrose and is returning to follow up that interest.

Brother A. A. Dirksen begins meetings this week at Jud. Our German brethren are visiting the German churches and holding their annual church elections.

Brother Schuster opens a series of meetings at Dickinson this week, and Brother M. V. Tucker has been invited to assist Elder Schuster for a couple weeks.

The Book Work

WEEK ENDING Jan. 15, 1920

AGENTS	Book	Hours	Orders	Pe's	Total	Delivery
IOWA						
L. E. Smith	B.R.	1	1	4.00	11.20	
Wm. Howell	B.R.	40	14	.40	63.90	
Orlean Redman	O.D.	6	4	1.50	11.50	
Glen Shelton	B.R.	35	23	3.00	130.50	
Mrs. Pearl Nelson	P.G.	140	39		180.50	
TOTAL	5 AGENTS	122	81	9.10	402.60	

All present teachers at the S. R. Academy were re-elected for another year, and the committee voted that a sum of \$6,000 be added to the Academy for improvements.

Elder E. L. Stewart is on his way to Minneapolis where he will attend the Union Conference committee meeting and will remain over until the time of the Hutchinson board meeting which convenes December 27th.

The Auditing Committee met Thursday in a cozy little room in the Gladstone hotel. Members present outside of the regular committee were: Sam Scheresky, of Max; J. C. Reising, of Heaton; J. C. Schmidt, of Goodrich, and Charles Trygg, of Baldwin.

The Tract Society has just stocked up with a fresh supply of books and are now ready to take care of your needs promptly. The February issue of the Signs magazine is a highly important one, dealing with a subject we are all interested in, namely, Religious Liberty. Let us have your orders for this early.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary.

TWO WELCOME VISITORS

Read at the Austin H. M. Institute

Mrs. Black had just run in to spend a few minutes with Mrs. Jones, a neighbor, who had not been long in the truth.

"Sister Jones, won't we miss Brother Campbell? I don't like to think of his leaving our state, do you?"

"Why, Sister Black, where is he going?"

"Oh, he is to be sent to the Western Canadian Union, and by the way you remember Dr. Warner, who was assisting Dr. Barbour at the Nevada Sanitarium? He has gone to Montrose to take charge of the work there in Dr. Hawkin's absence. You know, we were wondering whether or not the Academies had enough fuel to last them. The Sheyenne River Academy has been facing a shortage, but it has been relieved, for they have a carload of coal on the tracks now."

"Why, Sister Black, do tell me how you learn all of these things? I didn't know you corresponded with any one in North Dakota, nor in Iowa. And tell me, how did you learn about Brother Campbell?"

"Well, I don't really correspond with any one in North Dakota, nor in Iowa. It is the Northern Union Reap-er,—the little eight-page paper which no Seventh-day Adventist in this Union can afford to be without. It costs only fifty cents a year, and is worth many times that amount in keeping us in touch with the message."

"Then there is another matter, Sister Jones, which I have wanted for some time to speak to you about. That is in regard to our good church paper, The Review and Herald. This paper contains such an abundance of good things. There are such splendid articles in each issue that are especially helpful at this time, such as these:

"What of the Future."

"A Time of Trouble."

"The Victorious Life."

"The Source of Spiritualism."

"Why is the Sabbath the Seal of God?"

And so many other subjects which I might mention. The "Bible Studies," and also the "Studies on the Testimonies" are so good. Then I always take a special interest in the "Home Department." Here we find such good instruction for the home in all of its different phases: "Helpful Stories for the Children," "Good Healthful Recipes," "Helps in Training Children," "Inspiring Poems," etc. In the department, "The World Wide Field," we have reports from the missionaries from all parts of the world, and such heart-stirring reports as they are! We can't read them without feeling that we must do our part faithfully, and have a feeling of thankfulness that we have a part in this great work. Besides these, we have the departments for the "Missionary Volunteers," "Home Missionary Work," "Medical Missionary Work," "Miscellaneous News Items," "Obituary Notices," etc., etc. Really, it doesn't seem that a person can be a real, true Seventh-day Adventist and not read this paper, does it? It costs \$2.50 for the year, and isn't that very

cheap when we consider what we are getting, Sister Jones?"

"Indeed, it does seem so. I have three dollars which I had intended for quite a different use, but which we can well do without, and I am sure we do need these papers. Where can we send for them?"

"Why, just give your name and address with \$3 to your Home Missionary Secretary, and ask for the **Review and Herald** and the **Northern Union Reaper** for one year, and in a very short time, these two welcome visitors will be coming to your home each week." Mrs. Charles Rosenthal.

ALEXANDRIA

Elder Anol Grundset conducted a very successful institute at the Alexandria church Sabbath and Sunday, January 17 and 18. Some interesting papers were read on Prayer Bands, Bible Readings, Christian Help Work, The Signs as a Soul-Winner, Harvest Ingathering, Health and Temperance, and many others of like importance. Free discussion followed each topic. Owing to the weather and bad roads many were unable to attend these meetings, but we who were present enjoyed valuable instruction in Home Missionary work and feel we can do more efficient work in the future as a result of these meetings. We also feel very grateful to Elder Grundset for his earnest efforts. Mrs. Orlo U. Giddings.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

A. F. Schmidt, Secretary.

AN OPPORTUNITY

Our Young People's Work can be traced back to the summer of 1879. At that time the first young people's society of which we have any record was organized at Hazelton, Michigan, by Elder Luther Warren. There were only eight boys in that first meeting, but today the Young People's work has encircled the globe. There are very few countries or peoples who do not have an organized Missionary Volunteer society. Our societies number approximately 1,300 and our membership is over 25,000.

Men and women have ranked as leaders in the great forward movements of our church during the last twenty-five years have repeatedly declared that it was the Missionary Volunteer society which gave them a vision together with the discipline that prepared them for the greater tasks of later years. As examples I might name Elder A. G. Daniells, Elder Meade McGuire, Professor C. C. Lewis, Elder Uriah Smith, M. C. Wilcox, and M. E. Kern.

These and those they represent reveal the qualities of initiative, confidence, and ability to assume responsibility that training in the young people's society develops.

Numbers, yes hundreds of our ministers and missionaries have borne testimony to the fact that it was the opportunities and obligations of the young people's society that turned their lives into the channel of religious service and decided their character of their life work. Surely it might be well named "The training school of the church," for that has been its purpose and plan for the beginning.

"How rapidly we have passed from the beginning to the present—like passengers on a fast express." We have only been a means in God's omnipotent hand to further extend the great gospel of His kingdom.

Today it is our endeavor to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes, for God is at the helm. There are many, many who are not enjoying the service and the help which the Young People's society is organized to give. Perhaps it is because they are isolated or members of small churches where there is no organized society. In our plan of organization we have a Conference Missionary Volunteer society for just such needs. There is room in the Conference society for every young Seventh-day Adventist who does not live where there is a logical Missionary Volunteer society; and all such are earnestly invited to join. There are many young people who are standing alone as it were without the privilege and benefit of Christian association in a local society. Does it not appear that God has a purpose in such cases. Experience has proven that such a one even though entirely isolated may study and keep abreast of the movement and greatest of all may lead others to a path of whole-hearted consecration to God.

Strong characters are not natural gifts. No one starts life with a ready made character any more than he starts with a full grown body. There must be a definite aim. There must be a resolute effort. There must be a study of best means. Strength must

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Approved advertisements will be inserted in the **Reaper** at the rate of fifty cents for the first thirty-five words or less, and two cents a word for each additional word. Three insertions, one dollar, and twenty-five cents for each additional insertion. Payable in advance. Right reserved to reject any or all advertisements. Payment must accompany each advertisement.

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be sought from sources outside ourselves. "Genuine character holds promise of length of days; it cannot fail of enough to answer life's great end. Character is revealed when a person is left to his own choice whether he will follow or forsake the paths where others have led him."

You can help strengthen the Conference society. Make the most of your opportunities. If you cannot go to school, study at home. Say like Lincoln, "I'll study and get ready, and maybe a chance will come."

"It takes a deal of striving
And a firm and stern-set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you really want to win."

John J. Mair.

NORTHERN UNION NOTES

Elder S. A. Ruskjer is spending a few days conducting a Home Missionary institute at Burke, South Dakota, which is attended by members of the other Rosebud churches.

Elder C. F. McVagh and Brother L. G. Ortner left the city Tuesday night for Nevada, Iowa, where they will attend board meetings, and meet with the Iowa Conference committee.

We were pleased to have the following visitors at the Union Conference office Monday: Elders Russell, Ogden, Clark, Neilsen, and Stewart. These brethren met with the executive committee of the Northern Union Conference.

Brother E. M. Oberg returned to the office Monday, having spent some time in the Dakotas. Colporteur bands were organized at Plainview Academy, South Dakota, of 38 members, and at Sheyenne River Academy, North Dakota, of 25 members. In company with Brother M. V. Tucker, meetings were held at Devils Lake and Grand Forks.

ATTENTION

The brethren at the Signs office wish to co-operate with you in your missionary efforts with the weekly Signs, and will change addresses every three months if you desire to substitute names. This will enable you to reach four different persons through the year with one subscription, at the old club rate of \$1.15. No charge for changing addresses. Re-

member that the club prices advance February 1. Order at once, if you have not done so, and take advantage of the old rates.

"FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH"

A series of articles are now appearing from month to month in the Life Boat magazine from the pen of the late David Paulson, M. D., well known to our people as a man of great faith and endeavors and an inspiration to young people.

Notice some of the sub-titles in the February number:

"A Vow and What Came of It."

"Ran calls for the Lord."

"Living by Principle."

"An overruling Providence."

"One of my First Experiences."

"Had to Love Them."

The first of the series appeared in the January Life Boat, copies of which can still be procured. Don't fail to subscribe. One dollar for one year. Address,

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Hinsdale, Ill.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NEWS NOTES

The Manitoba Conference has commenced to publish a monthly mimeograph "M. V. News" sheet.

Two societies in East Pennsylvania Conference made one-half of the entire Missionary Volunteer financial goal.

The New Jersey young people raised one-half of the entire financial goal of the Columbia Union Missionary Volunteers.

Some of the conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries are now laying definite plans to have the Junior work continue through the summer months.

A little company of young people in West Pennsylvania went out one day and sold \$36 worth of "World Peace."

The Pacific Union Conference has set apart the week ending March 6 as Missionary Volunteer week during which time all the workers in the union are to give special attention to the work for the children and youth.

Vice President of the Georgia Conference writes: "It would have done your heart good to see the way our young people took hold of the Harvest Ingathering here in Atlanta. The results that these young people got in this work have given us all a new vision of the possibilities of gathering the wealth of the Gentiles in for our work."

The work in the Australasian Union Conference is growing rapidly, and the time is not far distant when the biggest local conference in the Union Conference will be not a home conference, but a foreign conference, namely, Fiji, where the natives are taking hold of the truth by the hundreds. The conference there has trebled its membership. A few years

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ago the Missionary Volunteers of Australia raised the money for the purchase of the boat, Melanesia, to ply among the islands of the South Seas. There are still one thousand islands unentered by either our message or the gospel. Thousands of the people are still nude cannibals and head hunters.

C. A. Hansen's address is now 1812 W. Jefferson, Louisville, Ky.

Write to your tract society for a catalogue of foreign publications.

Work for souls is our work. But none of us can work for the salvation of others unless we have experienced the power that saves. Advancement in personal Christianity is absolutely necessary to progress in missionary endeavors. The full power of the gospel will be given to a God-fearing, sanctified man or woman. This will bring the loud cry of the angel.

Encouragement must surely come to every one in the Northern Union as we see what God has been able to accomplish through his children. The 25-cent-a-week goal for missions has been reached, and we have gone thousands of dollars beyond. Few realize what this means to the work in foreign lands. The liberality of God's people in America has brought courage and determination to our faithful laborers in needy mission fields in all parts of the world. The time has come when there should be no slackening of the efforts to give the saving gospel to a dying world. Let us set individual goals—purpose in our hearts that we will not be behind in making 50 cents a week our goal for missions; and let us each from the beginning of the year set to work to reach his 50-cent-goal week by week. It can be done, if we will to do it. Be afraid of lagging behind. Some can set larger goals, and some should. But let all take a part, even if it is an utter impossibility to do as much as your brother or sister. United efforts all through the year will bring the results to missions so earnestly desired.

M. S. Reppe.